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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Tomomi YAMADA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3748

Application No.: 10/773,299

Examiner: Z. Eshete

Filed: February 9, 2004

Docket No.: 118041

For: VALVE DRIVE SYSTEM AND METHOD

**MAIL STOP RCE**

**LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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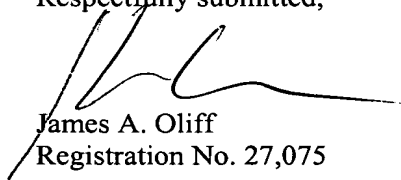
In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicant(s) hereby request(s) continued examination.

☒ Applicants further request entry and consideration of the submission filed February 8, 2005.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 164404 in the amount of ☒ \$790.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

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